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SUBJECT: 8TH INTERNATIONAL COLLOQUIUM ON
COFFEE TO TAKE PLACE IN ABIDJAN

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1. IVORY COAST HAS ANNOUNCED THAT IT WILL HOST THE
8TH INTERNATIONAL COLLOQUIUM ON COFFEE IN ABIDJAN
FROM NOVEMBER 18 TO DECEMBER 4, 1977. THIS WILL BE
THE FIRST TIME THAT SUCH A MEETING HAS TAKEN PLACE
IN AFRICA.

2. THE SESSIONS WILL BE HELD IN THE PALAIS DE CONGRES
AT THE HOTEL IVOIRE, AND MORE THAN 500 PERSONS ARE
EXPECTED TO ATTEND. THE PARTICIPANTS WILL DISCUSS
VARIOUS SUBJECTS SUCH AS THE CHEMISTRY AND TECHNOLOGY
OF COFFEE, THE PHYSIOLOGICAL EFFECTS OF COFFEE
CONSUMPTION, AND THE AGRICULTURAL ASPECTS OF COFFEE
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CULTIVATION.

2. FOR THE FIRST TIME, TWO COMPLETE DAYS WILL
BE DEVOTED TO DISCUSSIONS OF AGRICULTURAL
RESEARCH ON COFFEE CULTIVATION. TWO OF THE FOUR
MAJOR SPEAKERS WILL BE FROM IVORY COAST: J. LOROUGNON
GUEDE, MINISTER OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, WHO WILL SPEAK

OF THE ROLE OF PLANT BIOLOGY IN DEVELOPMENT FOR TROPICAL AFRICAN STATES; AND P. KAMMACHER, PROFESSOR ON THE FACULTY OF SCIENCE AT THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY, ON GENETIC VARIETIES OF COFFEE AND THEIR IMPROVEMENT THROUGH HYBRIDIZATION. OTHER SPEAKERS WILL BE P. SYLVAIN, FROM THE AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH CENTER AT TURRIALBA, COSTA RICA, WHO WILL PRESENT A PAPER ON NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN "COFFEE CULTURE" WHICH WILL INCREASE EFFICIENCY IN PRODUCTION AND REDUCE COSTS, AND PROFESSOR LEMEE, FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF PARIS-SUD, WHO WILL DISCUSS VARIOUS ASPECTS OF WATER TECHNOLOGY IN COFFEE CULTIVATION.

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY HAS BEEN TOLD THAT GOIC HOPES TO USE THE OCCASION ON THIS COLLOQUIUM TO PUBLICIZE ITS WORK IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF ARABUSTA-A CROSS BETWEEN ROBUSTA AND ARABICA STRAINS, AND TO STIR THE INTEREST OF THE RESEARCH COMMUNITY IN THE POSSIBLE IMPLICATIONS AND APPLICATIONS FOR "COFFEE CULTURE" THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. STEARNS UNQUOTE VANCE

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